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Dear Dr. Nezmeyanov:

We have received your letter of 10 June 1958. Your willingness to consider the application of Professor A. Guy is very welcome. We are consulting officials of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology concerning their acceptance of two Soviet scientists, and we will inform you of their views as soon as possible.

We are pleased that initiative has been taken to begin an exchange of scientists under the Lacy-Zaroubin agreement. I feel that beneficial exchanges need not be delayed pending our meeting in Moscow. Therefore, I am glad to place certain questions before you by correspondence.

We have received a substantial number of proposals from American scientists and institutions for visits to the Soviet Union and for inviting Soviet scientists to visit the United States. These could form the basis for an exchange program of substantial size. Pending our discussions in Moscow, we have responded to such inquiries by suggesting that the originators of the proposals communicate by letter directly with their Soviet colleagues. It would be our preference to continue this procedure, reserving for arrangement through our Academy only those visits that may be of special interest to us in connection with our several undertakings. At the same time we would wish to continue to provide an initial channel of communication, where necessary, for other proposed exchanges. Does this procedure commend itself to the Soviet Academy of Sciences with regard to arrangements within the Soviet Union, or would

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you prefer that all scientific exchanges be arranged through the Soviet Academy?

In this same connection, I should like to assign responsibility for day-to-day correspondence on exchanges to a member of my staff, reserving only basic policy discussions for direct communication between the presiding officers of the two Academies. If you agree with this, I should be pleased to ask Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., Director of our Office of International Relations, to serve as my representative for this purpose and to ask him to communicate directly with whomever you name as your representative.

The Lacy-Zaroubin agreement provides for scientific exchanges on a reciprocal basis. We should like to interpret this reciprocity provision broadly. Instead of seeking a person-for-person exchange, we should be glad to do what we can to facilitate all visits in either direction that are proposed on a responsible and scientifically reputable basis, with the understanding that you and we would then review the situation after six months or a year to determine whether an equitable balance had been maintained. This procedure I believe would simplify our task and avoid unnecessary delays in the plans of specific individuals. Would you find this method of operation acceptable?

Your reaction to the foregoing general questions would be most welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Detlev W. Bronk
President